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1. No changes in the occupation of the restricted Weisse Stadt settlement, Oranienburg (N 53/E 67), were observed prior to 19 April 1951. It was learned from an employee of the special construction bureau that, in addition to air force units, three artillery regiments and a rocket launcher regiment were allegedly stationed in the settlement. The commanding officer of the artillery troops was allegedly named Boshkov, (fnu). He wore gold epaulets with two large stars and rode in Horch s [redacted] The name of the commanding officer of the rocket launcher regiment was Shesnakov, (fnu). \*
2. The collective billeting area of the former concentration camp and the Panzer Schule were occupied by only a guard detail on 21 April. Except for one gate, all entrances to the billeting area were locked and some of them blocked by barbed wire. [redacted] left the billeting area. \*\*
3. On 21 April, the restricted Weisse Stadt settlement was still occupied by about 1,800 troops. The rocket launchers and howitzers were still in the garages. [redacted] were identified. \*
4. On 27 April, only a guard detail was in the large factory area at the northern exit of Oranienburg, west of Sachsenhauserstrasse. Centuries wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. \*\*

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possible that three regiments of the brigade, rather than two, are quartered in the settlement. Since no reports indicating the movement of elements of the second Gds Mecz Army to troop training grounds for field exercises have been obtained to date, it appears probable that the units of this army in Oranienburg are still in their permanent quarters. The brigade commander may be one D.G. Boshkov, who was promoted to the rank of major general (Arty) in July 1945.

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The present report indicates that the brigade headquarters is also located in the Weisse Stadt.

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~~SECRET~~ Comment. The billeting area of the concentration camp and the Panzer Schule and the factory premises on Sachsenhausenerstrasse are occupied by elements of the 25th Tank Div and their absence from the post is confirmed [REDACTED] The troops have been at the Templin troop training grounds for summer training since mid-April 1951.

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